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Bushido.

The Warrior's Way! The path that every man
Should bravely tread throughout his earthly span.

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Be every action just, exact each word,
Meet every danger with a trusty sword
And shirk it not, e'en though to do so may
Be easier for thee. Scorn the coward's way.
Revere thy Emperor! Love thy native land!
Do all thou canst to make thy nation stand
First in the world in every noble aim.
But, not content mere spoils of War to claim,
Strive for the richest prize of blessed Peace;
Thus ending strife and making wars to cease.
To stranger, weakling and untutored hind

Be friend, protector and instructor kind.

Speak no untruths! The liar deceives his friend

As doth the bog the trusting traveller end.

This above all; let Honour be thy guide

To always point thy path, whate'er betide:

For he that hath not Honour in his estate,

Had he all else, lacks that to make him great.

Det not thy base emotions play their rôle,

But learn thy every action to control.

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These thing's if thou dost study day by day

Will check thy wandering from the Warrior's Way.

Harold H. Waller.